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## VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

The Honorable Jocelyn Boyd **Public Service Commission of South Carolina**101 Executive Center Drive

Columbia, South Carolina 29211

RE: South Carolina Energy Freedom Act (House Bill 3569) Proceeding Related to Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. for the Commission to Review the Community Solar Programs Established Pursuant to Act 236 of 2014 and to Solicit Status Information on Existing Programs from the Electrical Utility S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-41-40(B)(1) Docket No. 2019-212-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

South Carolina Code Ann. § 58-41-40(B)(2) requires Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. ("DESC") to file an update to its July 18, 2019 report filed in the above-referenced docket regarding its Community Solar program. In compliance with § 58-41-40(B)(2), I am writing on behalf of DESC to provide the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") with an update on DESC's Community Solar program as of October 31, 2019. More specifically, DESC is providing the Commission with an update on its Community Solar program customer participation statistics.

## **Customer Participation**

All capacity in the Community Solar programs is currently fully subscribed. Capacity that becomes unsubscribed as the result of a customer leaving the program is backfilled by waitlists of Low-Income, Residential, and Non-Residential (Churches, Schools and Municipalities) customers. DESC continues to accept customers on its Community Solar waitlists.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> By letter dated July 18, 2019, DESC provided the Commission with a summary of its Community Solar Program as well as background information, program details, and a description of its Community Solar facilities. Those sections from its July 18, 2019 letter, entitled "Summary", "Background", "Community Solar Program Details", and "Community Solar Facilities" are incorporated herein by reference.

The program launch for Residential customers began in June 2017 and was fully subscribed by October 2017. Through October 31, 2019, there were 852 residential customers (5.4 MW capacity) in the subscription program and 39 residential customers (0.2 MW capacity) in the purchase program. The Residential waitlist is currently at 138 customers.

The program launch for Low-Income customers began in August 2017 and was fully subscribed by May 2018. Through October 31, 2019, there were 166 Low-Income customers participating and 29 waitlisted Low-Income customers. To date, Low-Income participants have received \$23,276 as a direct credit on their DESC bills.

The program launch for the Non-Residential customers began in May 2017 and was fully subscribed by September 2017. Through October 31, 2019, there were 19 Municipal rate customers (2.5 MW capacity), 16 School rate customers (5.9 MW capacity) and 12 Church rate customers (1.1 MW) in the Non-Residential subscription program. These customers have signed additional capacity commitment agreements which act as a Non-Residential waitlist.

Table 1 provides a summary of the number of customer accounts and associated MW of capacity that have either been purchased or subscribed to in the three community solar facilities through October 31, 2019.

Table 1

Segment	Accounts	Capacity (MW)
Low-Income	166	1.0
Residential	891	5.5
Non-Residential	47	9.5
Total	1,104	16.0

Table 2 provides a summary of the benefits credited to community solar customers as well as charges to subscribing customers along with the associated number of accounts through October 31, 2019.

Table 2

	\$	Accounts
Purchase Benefit	\$ 33,128	39
Select Benefit	\$ 23,276	166
Subscription Benefit	\$ 325,784	901
Subscription Charges	\$ 41,672	

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By copy of this letter, we are informing the parties of record in the above-captioned docket of DESC's updated customer participation statistics.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,

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